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Faculty Calls For 'MWC'

By KATIE TELLER
News Editor

The faculty senate has called for the restoration of the name "Mary Washington College" and for displaying the old MWC seal in Dodd Auditorium.

Friday, Nov. 18, the board of visitors will hear the faculty senate's resolution, which criticizes University officials and board

members for "obscuring" the identity of Mary Washington College."

The resolution passed Nov. 2 with an overwhelming majority by voice vote and calls for "restoring all references to 'Mary Washington College' where they have been replaced by 'College of Arts and Science, Fredericksburg Campus,' as well as displaying the MWC seal in Dodd Auditorium.

"Mary Washington College" is still the

official name of the undergraduate school, but campus maps describe it as the "Fredericksburg Campus" of the University of Mary Washington. "College" has also been replaced in places on the Web site and University literature.

This summer, the MWC seal was preserved during the overhaul of Dodd Auditorium, but then covered up by the new UMW seal.

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Daniel Ceo/Bullet

The new University seal in Dodd.

Freshman Arrested

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor

University police arrested 18-year-old Alvey Hall freshman John Braig Friday on charges of use of communications systems to facilitate certain offenses involving children, specifically taking indecent liberties with children.

According to police, Braig contacted who he thought was a 12-year-old female on the Internet and sent the female a graphic photograph of himself.

The 12-year-old was actually a Spotsylvania County detective who set up a fake online profile.

According to police, Braig struck up a conversation, which became sexual in nature, and agreed to a meeting.

When Braig did not show up for the meeting, officers obtained a search warrant and confiscated an iPod, a laptop computer and a portable thumbdrive.

Birth Control Now Available

By KAITLYN BARKER
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington's Women's Services is now offering birth control prescriptions to any full-time students who live on or off campus.

"This clinic is great for girls who want to go on birth control, but don't have the money for it, or are embarrassed to go through their parents, or would just prefer not to," said senior Vivian Rakestraw.

According to Linda

Timmes Ross, the certified nurse practitioner of Women's Services, the reason that the school can keep this service completely confidential is because they don't bill the student's insurance company. A student doesn't even have to have insurance in order to receive birth control through the school.

"Women's Services whole purpose in providing this clinic to the students is for students who do not currently have a provider and for

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Laptop Larceny Still Unsolved

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor

Ten laptops, at a total value of over \$15,000, have been stolen from residence halls in the past two weeks.

Police said all the rooms were unlocked and unoccupied by the residents at the time of the thefts, which occurred mostly in the early-to-mid-afternoon hours.

Police have developed a suspect description, a male, unknown age, height 5 feet, 7 inches, to 5 feet, 9 inches tall, with short, dark hair and olive skin.

The incidents have raised questions as to the check-in process of the residence halls.

Christine Porter, director of residence life, said residence life does all it can to keep students and their property safe, but

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Campus Security Report Released

By KAITLYN BARKER
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington's security report stated that the number of sexual assaults remained steady over the past three years, only to jump in 2005.

As stated in the 2005 Annual Security Report, there were two sexual offenses in the residence halls in 2002. In addition, in 2002 there was one non-forcible sex offense reported on campus but not in a residence hall. In 2003, there were two sexual offenses, one of them on campus but not in a residential facility and the other being on campus in the residence halls. In 2004 there were also two sexual offenses, one being on campus in a non-residential facility and the other being in or on a non-campus building or property.

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Russell Howey/Bullet

If readers have any information regarding the laptop thefts, call campus police immediately at extension 1025.

UMW Finance Committee has divided \$345,000 among all University Clubs.

Club Budgets Released, Students React

By ELIZABETH KRIETSCH
Staff Writer

Many of the University of Mary Washington's student organizations have been struggling this year as a result of decreased funding from the Student Finance Committee.

The UMW Finance Committee was given \$415,000 by the state of Virginia and was free to decide how to divide this money among the schools' numerous student clubs and organizations for the 2005-2006 school year.

This is the same amount that the Finance Committee was given last year by the state to distribute among UMW's clubs.

"[The state of Virginia] set our budget and thus we are dependent on them to how much we can give to clubs," said Catherine Stewart, president of the Finance Committee.

According to Stewart, the distribution of money among groups is determined according to the individual needs of each organization. Each spring, all clubs are required to propose an estimated budget for the next year, which is

reviewed by the Finance Committee, who then decide how much money to allot to each club.

Among those feeling the effects of harsh budget cuts is Campus Scouts.

"I definitely think the budgets are unfair and our club was rather mad," said junior Beth Jordan, president of Campus Scouts. "Girl Scouting raises great young women and I really wish our school would back our efforts more like they did in the past."

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Sunny



FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy



SATURDAY
Sunny



SUNDAY
Mostly Sunny



MONDAY
Showers

High: 51
Low: 23

High: 47
Low: 24

High: 54
Low: 26

High: 55
Low: 26

High: 54
Low: 33

Verbatim...

It's great for school spirit to actually have a homecoming game to go with a dance.

—Adrian Loving, page B2



Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
News Editor



Nov. 8—At 1:15 p.m., a 20-year-old male commuter student reported to police that someone stole a duffel bag containing a boom box and CDs, valued at \$135, taken from the information desk where he had stored them. The items were recovered Nov. 13.

Nov. 8—At 6:05 p.m., a professor reported to police that a student of his was upset and ran out of his office saying she was going to kill herself. Police found the 20-year-old female resident of Westmoreland Hall at the amphitheater threatening to injure herself. According to police, she was transported to Mary Washington Hospital where she was detained and then transported to Snowden at Fredericksburg.

Nov. 10—At 8:05 p.m., a 21-year old female resident of the University Apartments reported to police that while she was getting stuff out of her car, she saw an unknown male standing at the rear of her car. According to police, the student closed the door, walked to her apartment and the suspect followed her to her building. The female described the suspect as a white male in his mid 40s, 5 feet, 5 inches, of medium to heavy build.

Nov. 11—At 11:35 a.m., a 19-year-old female commuter student reported to police that someone stole the parking decal off of her car. According to police, the student noticed the decal was missing after receiving a parking ticket. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 12—At 12:22 a.m., police received a report of underage drinking from a resident assistant in Mercer Hall. Police referred the 17-year-old female resident of Mercer Hall to administration.

Nov. 13—At 12:05 a.m., Fredericksburg police requested University police assistance at 610 Greenbrier Court. Police arrived to find

two plastic banners, one University of Mary Washington and one Mary Washington College. Police took possession of the banners.

Nov. 13—6:30 p.m., a 19-year-old resident of Mason Hall reported to police that someone stole \$35 from his wallet while it was in the fitness center. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 13—8:00 p.m., police received a report that someone stole a fire extinguisher, valued at \$24, from near the basement west exit of Jefferson Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 14—A 19-year-old female resident of Virginia Hall reported to police that between Nov. 11 and 14, someone stole her Schwinn bike from outside of Virginia Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Nov. 14—At 10:44 a.m., a UMW bike-patrol officer responding to assist safety personnel fell off of his bike when it slipped on the leaves on the hill next to Jefferson Hall. The officer was transported to Mary Washington Hospital.

Nov. 14—At 1 p.m., a University library employee reported to police that she observed a male activate the alarm system in the library. According to police, a student assistant caught up with the male and returned him to the library. The male returned the book and has been referred to administration.

Nov. 16—At 2:35 a.m., an officer on patrol saw a 1981 Chevy Montecarlo that looked suspicious. The officer ran the license plates and discovered that they were stolen from Stafford County. Police obtained the plates and referred the case to Stafford police.



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KATIE TELLER

Tait & Teller

Ask
The
Newsies

infamous nickname, "Tactless Tait").

Teller has slightly more tact than Tait.

(And by slightly, we mean just barely.)

Tait has her head in the clouds.

Teller is a realist.

Tait quotes movies like it's her job.

Teller quotes the AP Stylebook in her sleep.

Bottom Line: We know this is the worst Tait & Teller ever, but you're just gonna have to suck it up and deal.

Katie Teller and Stephanie Tait are The Bullet's news editors. Got a question? E-mail it to bullet@umw.edu.

Could 'College' Come Back?

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BOV Rector Mona Albertine said she disagreed with the faculty's position on the seal, but she would be open to talking about the issues with the BOV.

"I am willing to have board discussion on this," she said, "and maybe make some suggestions on how we might resolve some of these issues."

Denis Nissim-Sabat, faculty senate president and professor of psychology, said he would ask the board of visitors to "pass a resolution that would commit them to the commitment that was made two years ago when we went to university status."

The commitments date back several years.

Dori Eglevsky, former rector of the visitors, said in a January 2004 op-ed piece that ran in The Free Lance-Star that "college" would stay.

"Throughout the process of moving to university status, we, as a board and an institution, have promised that the transition will not tamper with the name, tradition or quality of Mary Washington College," Eglevsky wrote.

Also, in 1998, President William Anderson wrote a memorandum to the Mary Washington College community that explained "mistaken impressions" about the move to university status.

"All discussions about university status and an umbrella name have been with the assurance that the name 'Mary Washington College' must be retained forever, that the name always be highly visible for purposes of marketing the college and that the name will always be used to refer to the undergraduate liberal arts program as it exists on the Fredericksburg campus."

Steve Watkins, associate professor of English, linguistics and speech and adviser to *The Bullet*, who proposed the resolution at the Faculty Senate's meeting, said University officials reneged on these commitments.

"This was a deliberate attempt to de-emphasize the name 'Mary Washington College,'" Watkins said at the meeting. "There are no two ways about it."

According to Ranny Corbin, executive assistant to the president, Anderson did keep his promises.

"I think President Anderson has stayed true to his statement since 'Mary Washington College' remains in the University mission statement and diplomas," Corbin said.

According to Corbin, the name "Washington and Monroe University" was under consideration as an umbrella name, and in that case, the "college" name would have been "retained and highly visible for marketing purposes."

"The 'Save the Name' campaign resulted in saving the name 'Mary Washington' in the name of the University, where it is much more prominent," Corbin said. "Now, it is redundant to call this campus Mary Washington College of the University of Mary Washington," Corbin said. "It is much more clear to refer to the University of Mary Washington College of Arts and Sciences and the University of Mary Washington College of Graduate and Professional Studies."

The faculty senate resolution comes nearly a year and a half after the institution officially changed names—but the issue hasn't left the campus community just yet.

After the old Mary Washington College seal in Dodd Auditorium was restored and covered up with the new seal, junior Mary Elizabeth White launched a Save the Seal group on Facebook.com and began an online petition that currently has 262 signatures.

But University officials say the University seal

is appropriate. Corbin said because it's because both campuses, as well as the larger community, use Dodd Auditorium.

"Students graduating from the UMW College of Graduate and Professional Studies have celebrated their commencement ceremony there," Corbin said. "Faculty from both campuses have held a joint faculty meeting there and programs are routinely presented to the regional community by the University seal be featured in this space for the myriad, mixed audiences."

Also, the University seal is the only official seal of the University, according to Albertine. She spoke about the display of the seals.

"The old seal is a part of our history and should be preserved as an artifact. To remove it from its place in Dodd Auditorium, it is my understanding, would destroy it, which is not something I would want to do," she said. "But to have it prominently displayed at the University's most publicly used building would not be proper either. I believe the solution of preserving it behind the new seal was the correct thing to do."

White, however, said since Dodd Auditorium is on the undergraduate campus, there's not a reason not to use the original seal—even if both the new and old are displayed.

"Whether it serves other people or not, it doesn't mean we should eradicate the original name and the original seal," White said.

Several members of the faculty senate, which is comprised of about 40 representatives from the academic departments, spoke in favor of the resolution.

"I hate to see the erosion of our pretty, proud name here," said Galen deGraff, associate professor of business administration and faculty senate representative.

"We've got a pretty well-established brand that I'd like to see maintained."

At the meeting, one faculty senate member spoke against the resolution.

"Whether we're called 'University of Mary Washington' or 'Mary Washington College,' people still refer to us as 'Mary Washington,'" said Thomas Sheridan, associate professor of health and physical education. "... Is it really that relative to people deciding to come to Mary Washington?"

Sheridan added prospective students wouldn't think about the name, but about the education.

But Watkins, backed by several faculty representatives, said it wasn't just about the prospective students.

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Additionally, John Morello, associate vice president for academic affairs, described at the faculty senate meeting the number of different names as a "convenient way" of distinguishing between the University's College of Graduate and Professional Studies in Stafford County and the residential campus in Fredericksburg.

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Health Center Now Offers Contraceptives

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students that do not have this option available to them at home," Ross said.

"I believe that we had about 300 students purchase birth control through the school last spring semester," Ross said. "This year we average about 12 appointments a week, and are expecting about 400 students to use the services that we now offer."

The students that are interested in receiving birth control through the school are required to attend an educational class known as the Birth Control Clinic. This class is put on by the Human Sexuality Peer Health Educators, and is coordinated by Rakestraw. It is open to all students who are interested in starting a prescription method of birth control through UMW.

The Birth Control Clinic is held every Monday in the fitness center at 4 p.m., Rakestraw said.

If a student is unable to attend, Women's Services will offer an alternative session once a month at a different time. This time will be posted in the weekly e-mail events, according to Rakestraw.

"The class takes about an hour, and we go over various methods of birth control, the pros and cons of each kind, and how to practice safe sex," Rakestraw said.

Rakestraw said that she also informs the students of the more "popular" sexually transmitted infections and sexually transmitted diseases on college campuses so that they are aware.

"The class gives the students time to think about contraception and its methods and what is available to them," said Susan Overman, who is the only other nurse for Women's Services.

Ross said the University offers birth control in three forms: the pill, the patch and the ring.

"I think the school does a pretty good job with the program," said senior Mary Waldron, a student who uses the UMW women's services to get her birth control prescription. "They try to really make sure that you understand what it is that you're getting into as far as things like any side effects, risks and actually how to use it."

Ross said if a student decides to go through with this the procedure of starting a prescription of birth control through the school they must pay a non-refundable fee of \$45 to begin with.

This fee covers the pelvic exam that every student must receive and the first three months of the birth control pills. Immediately after the appointment is complete the student will receive three months' worth of the birth control prescription that they decided to take.

Once this three-month time period has passed, the students then have to return to the health center for a follow-up appointment. At this time, the students will purchase the remaining nine months of the prescription at its cost.

"[Ross] orders the pills straight from the company and then sells them to the students with very little mark-up which is why it is so much cheaper," Rakestraw said.

Overman described the process for students who decide to continue with birth control.

"If the student decides to continue with their current prescription after the full year's worth of contraceptives is completed, they may purchase the next entire 12 months' supply at the time of their next exam," Overman said.

The first time that the school had offered birth control to the students of UMW was in 1995.

"Before 1995 the local health department in Fredericksburg would come on to campus and do a clinic for any interested students," Ross said.

If the student wanted to follow through with this procedure, they would have to go off campus to get examined and to fill their prescriptions.

Waldron believes that the women's services staff does a great job making the students feel comfortable with this whole procedure.

"Going through the process of getting on birth control for the first time can be a little bit scary for some people, but all of the women at the health center and women's services really do their best to make it as painless and comfortable as possible," Waldron said.

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Editorial Too Little, Too Late

He had the glory. He had the money. He had the fame.

What more could ex-Philadelphia Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens have wanted?

Apparently, a little-bit more glory, money and fame.

He recently apologized publicly to his teammates, coach, fans and team owner for the mistakes he made—apparently making a last-ditch effort to rejoin the Eagles.

Like demanding a new contract, because \$49 million just isn't enough to pay the bills. Or blaming last year's Super Bowl loss on quarterback Donovan McNabb. Or criticizing his team for not making a huge deal out of his 100th career touchdown catch last month.

There's no "I" in "Team," folks.

It seems safe to say that Owens' behavior has led to the downfall of the Eagles. Their record is 4-5 in the regular season.

After the Eagles lost the Super Bowl to the New England Patriots last year, how many Philadelphia fans said, "We'll get it next year?"

Probably not.

We can glean an important lesson from this: If you're a part of a team or a group, you have to swallow your pride sometimes for the sake of your compadres. If you catch the ball, don't criticize the guy who throws it.

Let's Talk About Sex

Congratulations to Mary Washington for finally reinstating the women's clinic. It really provides a great option for women on this campus, and men too. And that's just it...it's for men too.

Last time we checked, sexual intercourse that requires birth control means there is both a woman and a man involved. Which means, in effect, that both women and men are responsible.

If both women and men are responsible when having sex, then wouldn't it follow course for a birth control clinic to either be attended by men as well as women, or perhaps, to focus on men too? Shouldn't any male at this campus who wants to pick up a condom also be subject to lectures on safe-sex practices?

There's nothing wrong with a clinic for women interested in birth control. Birth control is definitely a strong drug that shouldn't be taken lightly and shouldn't be given to those who don't know what's going to do.

And while condoms perhaps don't mess with one's hormones, they do, in fact, imply a need for responsibility.

So maybe, since we've finally taken the step to reinstate the women's clinic, we could go one step further and remind men that they too have to be responsible when it comes to sex.

Headline Draws Alum's Attention

Dear Editor:

As a former MWC student from '73-'77, I took great pride in bringing my daughter and her friend to Super Saturday at UMW. I had not been back for a campus tour in 20 years.

Our tour guide, Jessica, was informative and did a great job of saying all the right things a parent needs to hear to feel comfortable sending her daughter to school, and all the right things a student needs to hear to be sure that a well-rounded college life is possible at UMW.

The school is more beautiful than when I was there and all the new additions inspirational. I can't imagine any student not being able to thrive there.

My daughter's interest is pre-med and her friend is interested in math and education. As juniors, they are busting their butts to pull down the right grades in their advanced placement courses.

My daughter's "concentration" right now is in communications. As a member of the center in our county, she is involved in everything from TV production to journalism. She has great study skills, which she learned in the International Baccalaureate program in middle school.

Mary Wash seems perfect for her. I am not sure what her choice will be. She has several other college tours to complete before she knows.

However, I believe *The Bullet* may have

pushed her to consider UMW, if for no reason other than to have an opportunity to join the *Bullet* staff and prevent future offensive headlines like the glaring one on the Oct. 27 edition.

My girls were appalled beyond belief, and as you had hoped, read the article by Tierney McAfee. Their one consolation is that students were responsible for this affront.

Their main concern was why the term "blacks" was used when "black students" might have been a little softer. Better still, the headline could have read "Minority Population Grows With Incoming Freshman Class."

As a visitor considering the school for my daughter, I still would have read the article because diversity is a very important factor for me as a parent in choosing a school for my daughter which I will also be supporting with my dollars.

Now, the rebuttal articles in the Nov. 10 issue were more intelligently presented than the original article. It is good to see that there are others on the campus willing to step up to the plate and take a stand for diversity.

On the other hand, I am concerned that some students there think that an aggressive campaign to recruit qualified minorities might be viewed as lowering the standards.

In 1973, there were 35 minorities, black students (all female, except one). I was disappointed to learn that not much has changed, including the scholarship opportunities.

However, when I was at UMW on Saturday, I

did not see color. I saw a beautiful campus with rigorous educational opportunities to offer any real student who wants to make a difference in this world.

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greater numbers of minority students in attendance at UMW in the near future.

Angeli Pearson Wade is a 1977 graduate of Mary Washington College.

Where Are My Panties?

By ERIN LEACH-KEMON
Assistant Viewpoints Editor

Honestly, I snickered as I read a death threat from a female Willard resident earlier this month composed of red Sharpie on pink construction paper, dangling above a bathroom mirror in Willard Hall: "Jell-O chocolate-vanilla swirl pudding cup stolen!"

Sadly, the culprit was probably a heavily intoxicated party on a Saturday night whose ideal "drunken-munchie" was this distraught girl's purchase.

In such an event, the fugitive most likely awoke with a severe hangover (a result of bad karma from the previous night's looting) and a Jell-O pudding wrapper stuck to his or her right ear. Then, the perpetrator, having no recollection of the previous night's events, stumbled into the bathroom to relieve an overwhelmingly full bladder, taking no notice of the decorative warrant for his or her arrest attached to the bathroom door.

I've paid dearly for my pre-9 a.m. class chuckles as I showered that day, unburdened by such animosity over my Snack Packs.

I'm not condoning the theft of refrigerated goods, but I must highlight the distinct difference between a packaged food item and a clothing item. Jell-O pudding cups, Klondike bars and Stouffer's meals alike have a safety seal which separates the consumer from the contents within and maintains a label of ingredients to inform the user of the amount of cellulose gel or whey protein concentrate within the product.

Bras and panties contain no such security seal, nor do they specify potential additives. This is as sanitary as gorging on a half-eaten Twinkie clutched between the paws of a campus raccoon.

On Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, I made an archenemy. Unfortunately, I've yet to uncover his or her identity, so I've set aside the paper bag of raccoon poop whose destiny is to be set afire in front of his or her door.

Routinely, I abide by a \$20 limit on articles of clothing, yet I decided to splurge with the supplemental income afforded to me by my birthday money. And, for 168 hours, I was the proud owner of a lovely pair of "low-rise, antique dark wash" American Eagle jeans.

Last Thursday at 11:45 p.m., I hoisted my 35-pound laundry hamper onto my back and clumsily stumbled down

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Features

Students and Faculty Put Out the Habit

By AMY MALONEY
Staff Writer

Junior Laura Teague used to smoke anywhere from half a pack to a full pack a day since she was 18.

Teague was one of seven individuals who attended the University of Mary Washington's recent four-week program to help students, faculty and staff quit smoking.

"I tried to quit freshman year, but I didn't want to quit for myself. This time I wanted to quit for myself," Teague said. "I've known for about a year that I really needed to, but I didn't actually do it [until now]."

Thanks to the program, she quit smoking "cold turkey" on Nov. 1.

Kathy Dandino, a member of the Rappahannock Coalition Against Tobacco, conducted the course for the first time this fall. The first meeting was Tuesday, Oct. 25, and meetings continued every consecutive Tuesday for four weeks.

Dandino, who also works at Mary Washington Hospital as office manager for associate wellness and employee health, uses the "Quit and Stay Quit" guide for her program. It is a series of three manuals that take nicotine addicts through a step-by-step process, from thinking about quitting, to setting a date, and then sticking to it.

"Nicotine is one of the most powerful addictive substances," Dandino said, who

smoked for 25 years before quitting 19 years ago. "It's right up there with heroin and crack cocaine."

Dandino said she has found, through conducting the two classes, that the reasons adults and young adults choose to quit are vastly different. She said because most of the individuals in her faculty and staff class have been smoking for decades, they are concerned about health risks like cardiovascular disease and cancer.

Individuals in her student class, however, are more worried about social stigmas associated with smoking, for example, many nonsmokers choose not to date smokers.

Dandino said that it is difficult to make people in their teens and early twenties understand the toll that smoking takes on general health. She finds that because people that age realize that if they quit, they can return their bodies to perfect health, they put

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Seacobeck Employee Takes Gold In Golf

By KERRI SCALES
Assistant Features Editor

Seacobeck employee Grace Anne Braxton struggles to find a moment to sit down, relax and do her crossword puzzle in the between time of the afternoon rush and preparing for dinner.

"Wednesday seems to be our busiest day," Braxton said. "And it seems like there is always a lot of people at dinner."

Braxton has been an employee at the University of Mary Washington's Seacobeck Hall for the past 10 years. A 1990 graduate of James Monroe High School, Baxter grew up in Fredericksburg with her parents and two brothers.

Diagnosed as intellectually disabled from birth, Braxton has competed in two Special Olympics golf tournaments and will compete in a Special Olympics swim event in July.

Growing up, Braxton spent her extra time at the Fredericksburg Country Club picking up golf tips from her father. Though Braxton didn't start playing competitively until 1991, she has won over 50 bronze, silver and gold medals ever since.

Braxton has played in six tournaments held in five different states over the past five years. Braxton's first solo 18-hole performance was in 2003. Prior to that she played doubles with her father and only won solo on the nine-hole courses.

"Golf is my sport, it relaxes me," Braxton said. "I learned a lot from my father, but it was time for me to start playing on my own so I could get stronger."

This past September, Braxton played in the Special Olympics National Invitational Tournament (NIT), the Special Olympics golf's major championship. She played in the level five 18-hole stroke play at a division one level. Braxton's scores of 89, 87 and 89 won her a gold medal.

"I get butterflies in my stomach right as I'm about to tee off," Braxton said. "I try to go through several routines before so that I won't get nervous."

Braxton is a Special Olympics Virginia board member. Voted in by her peers, she attends meetings and helps with the involvement and recruitment of new members. She is also a member of the Lady's Golf Association at the Fredericksburg country club.

Special Olympics is a non-profit organization aimed at helping

individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and responsible members of society, according to their Web site. Special Olympics offers 26 different winter and summer games for children and adults.

Braxton won her most recent gold medal at the Special Olympics Fall Golf Championship held in Virginia Beach. The weekend of Nov. 5, Braxton traveled to Virginia Beach, taking her

brother as her caddy.

She placed first with a score of 76.

"This tournament was my favorite because my brother was there with me," Braxton said. "Usually my father is my caddy, but I had to fire him because he wasn't doing a good job."

Throughout her time working at UMW, Braxton has gained a reputation of being a sincere, kind person who truly cares about her work.

Patricia Jackson has been working side-by-side with Braxton since August, and only has good things to say about their time spent together.

"Grace Anne is a very cool person and I enjoy working with her," Jackson said. "She is always the first to offer help to anyone who needs it; we also have good girl talk together."

Chris Zerbe has been a manager at Seacobeck for just over a week now, but adds that Braxton has already won a place in his heart.

"There are certain people that just leave an impression on people, and she is definitely one of those people," Zerbe said.

Braxton has done everything from working the cash register to preparing the salad, but adds that her favorite thing to do is pick out the desserts.

"I know that the students get very stressed out, especially during exam time," Braxton said. "I try to make the day a lot easier for them by asking how they are, making special desserts for them, stuff like that."

Braxton hopes to become friendly with more students, and would also like to attend more UMW sporting events.

"I really enjoy getting to know the students here," Braxton said. "I enjoy watching them play and hopefully I can find more time to do that in the spring."

Braxton will be competing in the first International Special Olympics summer games. The preliminary rounds will take place in July at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. She will be competing in the aquatics category, and plans on asking one of the UMW swim team members to aid her in her training.

Braxton will turn 34 on Monday, Nov. 21. Braxton is not bothered by getting older and adds that she is enjoying her 30s.

"I'm not too worried about turning 34, it's 40 that scares me," Braxton said. "I don't want to be in my 40s."



Grace Anne Braxton has worked at Seacobeck for the past 10 years. This fall, she won a gold medal for golf at the Special Olympics.



Thumbs Up... Thumbs Down...



To Seaco Thanksgiving dinner tonight.



To many papers due before break.



To Nonsense.



To people not cleaning their sweat off of the machines at the gym.

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Viewpoints

What's In A Meal?

By CLAIRE ASCETTA
Staff Writer

I've got a beef with the Eagle's Nest. I choose to eat the vast majority of my meals at the Nest, mostly because I think that for all the options at Seacock, there still is not a whole lot that is edible enough to constitute a whole (read: satisfying) meal.

I have observed for myself and have heard others comment on the prices of food items at the Nest. Granted, the Nest offers "meal deals" at its three major stations; but a hamburger, fries and soda, or pizza and soda hardly make a well-balanced meal.

I'm no heath nut, but I do not believe in eating garbage for two meals a day just because it fits into my allowed meal price.

There is actually a good amount of healthy options at the Nest, but they take a hefty toll on our delicately finite flex dollars when pieced together to make a meal.

To me, a well-balanced meal would consist of some sort of main course item (taco, hamburger, sandwich, calzone, pizza, etc.), some sort of fruit/yogurt or vegetable/salad and a drink.

My question is, why can't the Nest make items more reasonably priced so that students can consume a healthy variety of foods without draining their flex accounts by the middle of the semester?

Did you know that a regular sandwich with nothing fancy about it and one piece of fruit goes over the meal price? Is that really a meal?

The sad thing is, I've heard about people who are so concerned about their flex that they actually eat fractionally sized meals just to stay within the budget. Like I said, I don't believe in that, so I ran out of flex by the second week of October.

The Nest has made a bunch of quality improvements in choices this year. For example, the "Meal in a Minute" packages offer some decent pasta dishes. But \$4 for three stuffed shells?

Or what about those "Spice Market" salads-they have some pretty good options like mandarin chicken, Greek and Thai noodle salads. Too bad it's upward of \$4.10 just for one salad.

It might sound like I'm just nickel-and-diming here, but this stuff really adds up. I'm not even counting drinks, the cheapest of which is a fountain drink at just \$1.10.

Let's face it: most college kids don't eat that well anyway, but shouldn't we have the option to do so within the guidelines of the "allowed meal price?" Maybe it's not the fault of the Nest. Maybe we need a change in the meal plan system.

Most students have the 15-meal plan.



which comes with \$100 in flex. We get \$3.75 for lunch and \$4.20 for dinner, but with popular items such as grilled chicken sandwiches at \$3.50, a sandwich on sliced bread at \$3.15 and Caesar salads at \$3.75, the price parameter doesn't seem so lenient.

Even better, once you use a meal, you can't use another one until the next "meal period" or whatever the official term is. It's my meal, why can't I use it now?

If I eat two meals on campus each weekend, and I know that on the weekend I will only eat on campus twice, that means I have three meals left over.

Why can't I use two "meal prices" to cover the price of one lunch if I know I won't use all my meals anyway? Aren't they my meals? What's with the restrictions?

If I get to Saturday and I don't have any meals left, that's my fault and then I'd understand having to dip into the flex.

There is a meal plan without restrictions. The 85-meal plan allows for 85 meals and \$175 in flex to be used at the student's discretion throughout the semester. The catch is that it's only offered to students living in the UMW apartments. Why can't we all have that choice?

I'm not sure how to solve it, but there's a problem here. And while you can't force students to make a variety of healthy choices, there should at least be the financial option to do so.

Claire Ascetta is a sophomore.



Having included a similar rant in many of my recent conversations with residents of Willard,



Despite Honor Code, Thieves Abound At UMW

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four flights of stairs, attempting to avoid all possible onlookers who could potentially witness my official laundry day garb: an XL American Blood Association t-shirt and XS middle school gym shorts.

Having spent a precious \$3 from my vending strip and successfully evaded midnight hecklers, I returned to my humble abode on the second floor. Rather than dreaming of sugar-plum fairies, I slumbered beneath the abrasive scent of second-hand smoke wafting into my window from the Willard chain-smokers ignoring the "50 feet from the building" decree.

Unloading my dried clothes from my laundry hamper at noon the next day, I noticed the absence of four particular items: my newly purchased jeans and a few pairs of my underwear.

Before jumping to the now-apparent conclusion that they had been pilfered, I searched the four flights of stairs, every individual washer and dryer and a pile of someone's crusted-over pile of five-week-old laundry in the laundry room. Repeating this task for three days to no avail, I began to doubt that my absentmindedness was the only explanation.

Having included a similar rant in many of my recent conversations with residents of Willard,

I've discovered that the theft of my apparel is not an isolated incident.

Three other females reported missing items of clothing after laundering. Top on the list of idiotic steals in Willard's laundry room was one female's jogging bra and her underwear.

A recurring image from a Mary Washington "Super Saturday" tour during my senior year of high school has continuously taunted me this week. Vividly, I recall an eager Washington Guide advertising the notorious oath of the University's Honor Code: "Here at Mary Washington, you can rest assured that if you leave your laptop unattended for 30 minutes, it will still be there when you return."

I beg to differ. Where is the honor? Where is the trustworthiness of fellow students? Most of all, where are my panties?

Still, the possibility remains that female undergarments are an additional fetish of Mary Washington's laptop thief. In that event, perhaps the police report should be amended to warn students of a five-foot-nine olive-skinned male transvestite waiting outside dormitories attempting to appear discreet, yet failing miserably with his stolen polo shirt and low-rise jeans revealing a jeweled hot pink thong.

Erin Leach-Kemon is a sophomore who isn't bluffing about that flaming bag of poop.



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Diversity Is More Than A Racial Issue

Student Wants Classmates To Challenge Her Opinions

By EVA WOLFBERG
Staff Writer

When I am in a classroom, the first thing that I notice is the lack of diversity. However, it is not the lack of racial diversity on campus that I am referring to.

During the last few weeks, *The Bullet* has brought Mary Washington's lack of racial diversity to light and has gotten heat for doing so. Mary Washington is not a racially-diverse college and it is a problem.

However, I think we, the community at Mary Washington, are overlooking the biggest diversity problem on campus: the lack of diversity of thought in the classroom.

When I arrived at college, I assumed that a lot of my firmly-held beliefs on many topics would be challenged in the classroom. I thought I would have to put my money where my mouth

was and come up with articulate arguments to convince my peers of my viewpoints.

I put my views out there in a classroom much hostility not because of conflicting viewpoints but because of ignorance and intolerance. I am never put into a situation where a peer, via classroom debate, makes me genuinely rethink my stance on an argument.

Maybe I just have romantic notions of what education should be and how amazing classroom experiences should shape my intellectual maturity. I want to be challenged by my fellow students and not just by conflicting "opinions."

There are a lot of opinionated students at Mary Washington, but opinionated students do not necessarily create an intellectually-nurturing environment that encourages growth.

Different students coming from different cultures, socio-economic backgrounds, countries and races create diversity of thought and ergo create an intellectually-nurturing environment.

Diversity of thought is a more intricate and important matter to a college than something superficial, like how many students here have a particular phenotype.

Concentrating on only one variable of thought in order to create more overall diversity is not going to solve the homogeneity ingrained in our fine campus.

The administration needs to take the initiative of accepting more international students, students returning to school after years in the workforce, students of lower economic statuses, students of different faiths and lastly, students of different races.

The last thing I am trying to do is diminish the fact that there is a pathetic minority student enrollment rate at Mary Washington.

However, I think we are fooling ourselves to

think that somehow Mary Washington will become more "diverse" once we get an enumerated amount of people from a particular racial group.

"I want to stop being the archetypal Mary Washington student by being an upper-middle-class white girl from Northern Virginia. I want Mary Washington to enroll many different students with many different thoughts that can enrich everyone's classroom experiences.

It is not the freshman class having "25 blacks" that will or will not create a good learning environment. A good learning environment will only come from open minds and open minds will only come from school full of different people-not just a school full of different races.

Eva Wolfberg is a sophomore.

Scene



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The ladies of "Nunsense" open the show with "Nunsense is Habit-Forming." Clockwise from top left: Jenna Doolittle, Latera Jenkins, Jillian Locklear, Talya Halpern and Tori Miller.

Theatre Department Makes A Habit Of "Nunsense"-ical Play

By AMANDA CRISSUP
Copy Editor

Calling "Nunsense" a wholesome comedy would be a sin.

There isn't anything physically risqué about the theater department's second main-stage production of the semester, but there is more to this musical about five nuns putting on a talent show. Such as the fact that they are trying to raise money to bury their food-poisoned fellow nuns.

Their predicament is so absurd, that it is laughable. Normal people wouldn't keep four dead nuns in the freezer until they can afford coffins. Then again, normal people probably don't know four dead nuns.

Sight gags and the line delivery, even the corny ones, leave audience members laughing uncontrollably regardless of religious affiliation.

"There were only a couple minutes in the entire show when I wasn't laughing," senior Laura Root said.

The five-woman cast clearly has a good time, jumping on trampolines and bantering with one another. At one point shortly before the end of act one, mother superior freshman Talya Halpern accidentally gets high. It's probably just the incongruity of seeing a nun stagger around inebriated, but Halpern's look of amazed wonder

when she gets strapped on a stool and thinks she's miraculously pregnant is funnier than it has any right to be.

The fourth wall isn't just broken in "Nunsense," it is completely violated. The actors don't stay on stage wholly isolated from the audience but they interact with the audience from the very beginning. The actors meet and greet the audience in what seems to be on-the-spot improvisation. Senior Tori Miller provides even more sub-consciously awkward nun moments with her portrayal of street-wise Sister Robert Anne as she playfully flirts with male audience members.

Because of the variety of audience dynamics, no two shows will be exactly the same.

"It's going to be different every night," junior Keri Scales, assistant features editor for *The Bullet*, said.

Scales saw the performance during the show's invited dress rehearsal along with her contemporary drama and performance studies class. Professor James Harding said the dress rehearsal was great for his class to see since they have focused a lot on non-traditional theater where the boundary between the performers and the audience are unclear.

Assistant Scenic Designer, junior Andrew Napier intensified this hazy barrier even further

by extending the scenic elements out into the lobby and halls.

"The environment is preparing people to kick back and have a good time," Director Gregg Stull said.

Statuses of Jesus and Mary greet patrons as they enter the theater. Childlike pictures drawn by the cast and crew depict their elementary age interpretations of limbo as well as the typical Thanksgiving hand-turkeys.

The actors aren't plain clothes nuns, but are in full habits complete with wimples and rosaries. Courtesy of Costume Designer Kevin McCluskey's plan, the three-person band also dresses the part in habits and priest collars.

Freshman Latera Jenkins adds a refreshing voice and personality to the stage. Her innocent portrayal of Sister Mary Amnesia is simultaneously hilarious and winsome. In her solo, "So You Want to Be a Nun," Jenkins and her puppet assistant, Sister Mary Annette, positively steal the show. Jenkins' truly demonstrates her vocal ability while providing both her operatic views of life in the convent as well as the soulful rebukes from the sassy hand puppet.

Senior Benjamin Beechly also found the show funny, but said he had difficulty hearing the actors.

"I had trouble hearing the singing over the band sometimes," he said.

Stull said that audibility is often a problem when the theatre department puts on musicals since Klein is not equipped with an orchestra pit and there aren't many other places to put the band on the stage.

"The instruments, even with just three pieces, can overwhelm the space," Stull said.

Do't come to "Nunsense" expecting to see a deep, thought-provoking musical about five Catholic nuns' take on the hereafter. That's not what this play is about. It's not deep, it's just funny.

"Everyone seems to be having a lot of fun, which makes us enjoy it even more," senior Matthew Kirchner said.

"Nunsense"
Nov. 16-19 - 8 p.m.
Nov. 19-20 - 2 p.m.
Klein Theatre



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Lack of a concrete plot does not quell the humor in "Nunsense." For more photos, see page 7.

Martin Shows Sensitive Side In "Shopgirl"

By MEGHAN COYLE
Staff Writer

"Shopgirl" the book was written by Steve Martin in 2000 and became a best seller. "Shopgirl" the movie was just released towards the end of October, and is currently at No. 9 on the box office charts. The question is: does a 130-page best-selling novella have the ability to spawn a successful 1:40 long movie of the same plot?

In my opinion, yes it does.

The plot of both the book and the movie is rather simple, yet unique. Steve Martin set his thoughts on the unassuming young glove saleswoman in Saks Fifth Avenue to be his heroine. The conundrum, Mirabelle (Claire Danes), a.k.a. the humble glove saleswoman/artist, is remarkably attractive, yet has nothing exciting going on in her life because of her wallflower status. She has a regular nine to five job, a total of two friends, two cats and one tiny apartment for her, herself, and the Serzone she takes regularly for her bouts of depression. Then she meets two men.

Mirabelle doesn't leave her apartment much and keeps the only two friends she has, even if they're bad, if only for the possibility of having social interaction. She meets a man at the Laundromat named Jeremy (Jason Schwartzman), an awkward yet lovable "artist" of his own, who draws the logos for Doggone amplifiers and likes fonts. It is desperation at first sight. What ensues is a torrid 2.5 date relationship consisting of Jeremy being the most gentlemanly, clueless man in the history of dating, and an awkward/depressing "booty call" which follows.

It is in the midst of Jeremy and Mirabelle's "relationship" that a wealthy fifty-year-old named Ray Porter (Martin) buys his way into Mirabelle's life with a pair of gloves and the real story begins. Mirabelle and Ray have a strange love affair consisting of Mirabelle thinking it is love and Ray thinking she is a really good friend and a good lover. The rest of the story deals with the growth of Mirabelle, Ray and Jeremy through their troubles with life and love.

The book and the movie are remarkably similar to each other, most likely because Martin wrote both of them. The book, however, seems to have more depth to it.

Mirabelle, in written word, is broken. She is desperate for love and attention, and needs a figure in her life to hold her hand. Her crutch is her Serzone, which keeps her afloat, and the thing she looks forward to most out of sex is the potential of being held afterwards. In the movie, however, Danes plays the roll of a quiet girl, disinterested and naive, but not all together helpless.

Jeremy and Ray, however, are sweetened in the movie; I guess by putting an adorable face on a jerk's body anyone can be softened. Jeremy is a low-life in the book, who doesn't really mean anything; he's just clueless and horny. Ray on the other hand longs for a loving relationship, but only on his terms, and not right now. In the meat time he is looking for a girl to take out and have a good time with. He wants to get to know her (as well as many others), but not be attached to them, and he wants them to be -- and thinks they are -- ok with it. Ray lacks the capacity to understand when he is hurting somebody until he has already done it.

In the movie, Jeremy is loveably awkward. Sure, he is a really horrible date, but he means well, and he has dreams for himself. You really can't hate him because he doesn't realize he's doing anything wrong, and he does try. Ray is about the same way. Whereas, in the book he is kind but sleazy, in the movie he is almost the hero. He takes care of Mirabelle and though he does cheat on her once, he feels awful and is pegged as the guy who "means well" but just slipped up.

Another interesting feature is the way the story was written -- third person omniscient. You

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Top 3 Movies

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1. "Chicken Little"



2. "Zathura"



3. "Derailed"

New CDs This Week

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Catching The Fever of PANIC! AT THE DISCO

By KATY HERSHBERGER
Scene Editor

I've got a fever, and the only prescription is Panic! at the Disco.

Panic! at the Disco's debut album "A Fever You Can't Sweat Out" is a CD that I can't take out of my stereo. It has hooked me with its accessible melodies and unique song structures.

The band says that it draws influences from the melody of Third Eye Blind, the instrumentation of Queen and the narrative lyrics of Counting Crows. However, these inspirations are well hidden behind likenesses to Fall Out Boy and My Chemical Romance.

Singer Brendon Urie's voice elicits a strong comparison to FOB's Patrick Stump, and rightfully so; FOB bassist/songwriter Pete Wentz

signed the band to his own Decaydance Records after receiving Panic's mp3s on his blog. As well as the vocals, the sexual nature of "Lying is the Most Fun a Girl Can Have Without Taking Her Clothes Off" also parallels Fall Out Boy's most prominent topic. It starts, "Is it still me that makes you sweat / Am I who you think about in bed / When the lights are dim and your hands are shaking as you're sliding off your dress."

Though the band attributes its narratives to Counting Crows, most are darker and more similar to My Chemical Romance's "You Know What They Do to Guys Like Us in Prison" than "Mr. Jones." "Time to Dance" shares popular MCR themes of disenchanted fashionistas and, well, bullets: "Here's the setting / Fashion magazines line the walls now / The walls line the bullet holes."

Despite such comparisons, "Fever" stands in a class all its own. From the emo production powerhouse Matt Squire (Thrice, Northstar, The Junior Varsity), the album embodies two distinct sounds. In order to avoid the entire record sounding the same, the band split it into halves separated by a 2:37 "Intermission," which links the two extremes. The first half is futuristic, employing drum machines and synthesizers. The second half is reminiscent of an older style, with accordions and Vaudeville pianos taking the forefront of the instrumentation.

The result is a disc that is both catchy and dark. The band members are more insightful than their 18 years would indicate (at 19, guitarist Ryan Ross is the oldest). In "But it's Better if We Do" they sing, "Now I'm of consenting age / To be forgetting you in a cabaret... Praying for love

in a lap dance / And paying in naivety."

The studio is where Panic has done most of its work. The band sent only a three-song demo to Wentz - the only songs it had. Panic hadn't even played its first show, appropriately in the Las Vegas suburb the members hail from, until after the band was signed and finished recording the album in College Park, Md.

The biggest flaw in "Fever" lies in the first track. Titled "Introduction," it is barely audible and sounds like a radio scrolling through bits of Panic's other songs. What follows, "The Only Difference Between Suicide and Martyrdom is Press Coverage," requires no introduction (it addresses the audience directly, as if beginning a live concert). The first track could have been better utilized as another of the band's infectiously original tunes.

Steve Martin's Book and Film are Parallel

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hears of Mirabelle almost as if there is a play-by-play to the audience, recounting of her life's events to you by a non-existent best friend to whom she confides everything. This best friend is also best friends with Jeremy and Ray, so much so that when the whole story is retold, so is everyone's perspective. Think of it as like a national geographic special, or a movie in which Richard Dreyfuss is doing the voice over.

In the movie this feature remains intact to an extent. The movie actually has much less dialogue than would be expected, with silence being one of the major features. There is a dramatic tension throughout the film that is

representative of the feelings held by each character, and though it doesn't always portray the same emotions as those in the book, it is still an impressive feature. Once more, Danes, Swartzman and Martin all have great chemistry, making what could be boring due to lack of dialogue, much more effective. The only turn off, in fact, is when Steve Martin does an occasional voice-over that detracts from the mood, as well as the focus of the movie.

Overall, the book and the movie are different in certain aspects, but still good. There is a certain depth to each that makes it worth reading and watching, and the relationships, though they might be at times horribly awkward and unhealthy, are very

realistic and therefore beautiful. "Shopgirl" takes the simple ideas of relationships and growing up, and turns them into a quaint love story, the harsh reality of which makes it that much more appealing. It's not a blockbuster, but it's worth the \$8.25.

"Shopgirl" is currently playing at Regal Frederickburg 15.

Last Week's Scene



Nuns run amok in Klein Theatre.
Clockwise from left:
Jenna Doolittle as Sister Mary Leo, the dancing nun; Latara Jenkins as Sister Mary Amnesia and her puppet, Sister Mary Anette, belt out "So You Want to Be a Nun;" Tori Miller imitates Carmen Miranda as Sister Robert Anne.



Photos by Andrew Deci.



Bullet Hits

A Bullet Editor's Top Five Picks

This Week:

Music You Love To Hate

By DANIEL CEO
Assistant Photo Editor



(But Shouldn't)

1. Michael Jackson

This man has suffered through so much controversy that most of America seems to have forgotten that he is, in fact, the King of Pop. This man revolutionized the American music industry. And besides, when a person who was on the Billboard Chart while his peers were lucky to be the line-leaders in kindergarten, the kid is going to end up pretty messed up, especially with a father like Joe Jackson.

2. Blink 182/Green Day

Yes, they "sold out," but there are only so many songs you can write about poop, beating off and getting the crap beat out of you by your girlfriend. And again, we seem to forget that it was these two bands that brought pop/punk into the mainstream, none of that crap heard on the radio now (this means you, Fall Out Boy) would be around if it hadn't been for them. Oh, and "Dammit" by Blink 182 was the anthem of my childhood (don't lie...it was yours too).

3. Metallica

I went to a Metallica concert in 2000. To be in a sold-out football stadium with tens of thousands of fans singing every single word of every single song of a 2.5 hour set is an amazing experience. I don't care what you say about the band, whether it has to do with Napster or how they have sucked since Jason Newstead left, they are still the greatest metal band in American history.

4. Eminem

As a kid who is white right down to the bone, it's difficult for me to appreciate a lot of the rap music today. However, the more I listen to the music of Eminem, the more I realize how incredibly talented this white boy is. Yes, he's controversial, but have you listened to his lyrics? They're amazing, he is an incredible songwriter and he doesn't write about all the crap that today's rap-imitation music is about. Instead of telling bitches to "move out the way," he's singing about the harshness of the record industry.

5. Queen

This may be a little before our time, but Queen lost a lot of respect when the nation found out that Freddie Mercury was gay. But come on folks, he could hit notes higher than most females, and the band was called "Queen." So, let's get over the gay thing and realize that Queen rocked. They rocked Live Aid, they rocked girls with fat bottoms, they rocked Wayne's World and Freddie Mercury was easily one of the greatest American rock vocalists of all time.



Storytelling at UMW

By ANDREA CHRISTIE
Staff Writer

On the evening of her tenth birthday,

Dovie Thomason watched the sky with her father. As a star shot across the sky, her father said, "For you baby girl!" "Wow, my dad did that; he did that for me," said Thomason as she retold this Native Indian story to an audience at the University of Mary Washington last Wednesday.

As they continued to watch the sky, her father, a "giant of a man" reaching 6'6" with dark skin, dark hair and electric blue eyes, told her a story of his Scottish and Apache heritage, of a time when the stars shot across the sky for several days and nights.

Her father told her the stars eventually stopped shooting and the sky would grieve for the loss of so many stars, but life would not end for the people.

"I thought of that story often," Thomason said. "If the sky could survive to death of so many star children, I could survive [whatever I was going through at the time]."

Thomason, a Native Lakota and Kiowa Apache, travels the country telling her award-winning stories such as this one, a story describing the 1863 meteor shower. Her latest stop was Lee Ballroom in a program brought to UMW by the James Farmer Multicultural Center.

Thomason, who was adorned in native jewelry and cowboy boots, continued her story about the meteor shower with another anecdote from her own life.

Years ago she got to attend a conference in which Scott Momaday, a native Kiowa and author, gave a speech. He told the same story that her father had told her years ago on her tenth birthday.

Excited that Momaday must have known her dad because he knew the story, Thomason was disappointed in the end when Momaday did not thank her father for his story.

As the speech ended and audience members lined up to get books autographed, Thomason was furious.

"I no longer wanted to get my book autographed," Thomason said. "But I stood in the autograph line, which I now thought of as the confrontation line."

She confronted Momaday about the story, which he explained was one passed down from many Indian cultures. Thomason's father had told the story with such passion and detail that she had assumed he had been there to see it.

"It was a story from 'a long time ago' so naturally that's when my dad was little," Thomason said as the audience laughed. "It was 150 years ago, though. When he told stories, it was like he was there—they were from his memories. Now when I tell stories to my daughter, I tell them as if I was there."

Thomason explained, however, that her storytelling comes from her grandmother, who would have never called herself a storyteller because she was just doing her job.

"Stories took the place of punishment, criticism and judgment," Thomason explained. "By the age of ten I knew 50 stories. That meant there were 50 inappropriate behaviors and 50 learned lessons."

Thomason continued to explain that in Indian cultures, parents do not punish their children. The children are sent to grandparents, aunts or uncles to hear stories.

Linda Long, wife of Dr. David Long from the UMW music department, was intrigued by this method of child raising.

"I find their way of child rearing very honoring," Long said. "There's no judgment, no criticism. The story's use is left up to the child [to connect and understand the lesson]. What a different concept from our own."

As Thomason continued to share stories passed down to her, as well as stories from her own life, she kept the audience laughing with her charismatic confidence and witty side comments.

Thomason's final story was of "first man" and "first woman" and the creation of things on earth. As she told the story, often acting out the two sides of the conversation between first man and first woman, her waist length black hair swayed from side to side as she continually brushed her long bangs from her eyes.

When asked during the question and answer portion of the evening about one of her stories, the audience laughed at her quick, sarcastic responses explaining her stories.



Alexandra Borys/Bullet

Dovie Thomason speaks at the Lee Hall Ballroom last Wednesday as part of the Multicultural Awareness Series. She travels across the country telling award-winning stories of her native heritage, such as the 1863 meteor shower.



"First man and first woman made them [the other people in the story]," she said. "You don't have to confirm the physics of it all. You can just say 'long ago this could happen.'"

Thomason also expanded on her recordings of stories. To date, she has made three recordings of some of her stories.

"I didn't record them for a long time because I was worried that they would get corrupted," Thomason said. "But then I thought of the Indian children who are not surrounded by their culture like I was."

As the stories and questions came to an end, the audience comprised of both students and community members left with smiles on their faces.

"I've always been interested in the Native American culture," said Junior Emily Perry. "I found her stories very touching."

Long agreed with Perry and was glad to have the chance to hear Thomason's stories.

"Thomason is a marvelous storyteller," Long said. "She uses the craft of storytelling to connect people."

Assistant Professor of Music Craig Naylor was also glad to have attended the program.

"The American Indian voice isn't heard enough around here. It's been gone for too long. It's an earth-bound and heart-felt way of living," Naylor said.

Thomason's storytelling was just one of many programs brought to UMW by the Multicultural Center through their cultural awareness series, which brought author Roberto Suro to UMW on Oct. 8.

"I love the whole program sponsored by the Multicultural Center," Long said, who went to other programs in the past. "[The programs] are great ethnic presentations. They broaden our perception of the world and enrich us."

For more information about upcoming programs contact the James Farmer Multicultural Center at x1044.

UMW Calls It Quits

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off quitting until their lives become less stressful.

"Students can still quit and have their lungs returned to normal. For older people, damage can be irreparable. My lungs will never be the lungs of a nonsmoker, but students can be completely healed," Dandino said.

Junior Ryan Jacobsen plans to quit on Jan. 1 and attended one of the classes in order to get information and motivation to quit. He currently smokes about a pack a day, and tried to quit two other times, once last winter and once this fall.

Each time he lasted about a week without cigarettes, but once the weekend hit he returned to his habit.

"[The class] was very informative, I learned a lot," Jacobsen said. "If I really wanted to quit right now it would have been better, but as it was talking about cigarettes just made me want to smoke, if I were really trying to quit it would help."

Dandino's philosophy towards quitting is different from many other educators. She does not require participants in her program to quit smoking immediately. Instead, she urges them to pick a quit date and prepare themselves long in advance for what she considers one of the most important decisions an individual will ever make.

"Quitting smoking must be planned for, it's a huge, huge thing," Dandino said. "There's never a 'good time' to quit. Life is stressful, there is never a 'perfect time.' You can't plan for a time without stress because it'll always be there. Jump on planning as soon as you think 'maybe I should quit.'"

Dandino said that in her experience alcohol and caffeine are two other drugs that often make quitting difficult for smokers. She calls them, and other activities that smokers associate with smoking, triggers.

"Even if a person smokes a pack a day, there are really only five or six really important cigarettes," she said. "Smokers have triggers, coffee is a huge one, alcohol is a huge one. Smokers need to recognize the really important cigarettes, the ones with wakeup, breakfast, dinner, and then change their routines."

Even changing where you sit at the kitchen table to



breathe association of that event with a cigarette."

Dandino also believes that nicotine replacement therapy is one of the most effective aides to quitting. Nicotine replacement includes Nicorette gum or patches, and is designed to eliminate withdraw symptoms.

"Nicotine is a poisonous drug. Some people get physical withdrawal, some, especially women, get emotional," Dandino said. "The nicotine replacement keeps you comfortable as your routine changes, so that you don't have to deal with physical cravings while you deal with habit cravings, which will continue for a while."

Dandino also said one reason some smokers get discouraged from quitting is because two to three weeks after quitting they will develop a cough. This is because cilia, the lung's filter system, freeze from smoking, and as they heal and begin to work again they force tar and other pollutants out of the lung through a cough.

Teague said that she did not have serious withdrawal symptoms, but the first few days were the hardest. She said after about two weeks without smoking, she really only had to fight the urge to smoke twice a day.

Dandino said the reason many people, particularly women, choose to smoke is because it is an appetite suppressant and it quickens metabolism. When a person takes a drag from a cigarette, less oxygen is available to go to the lungs, so the heart beats faster and quickens metabolism. However, she said that by eating healthy foods and exercising, smokers can expect little to no weight gain after quitting.

Health risks from smoking include many different cancers as well as emphysema, high blood pressure and accelerated heart rate. Dandino knows of individuals as young as 39 years old who have been diagnosed with lung cancer from smoking.

She said she has not been asked to hold another class in the spring, but would be happy to do so. She also said she would use a program that is more geared towards adolescents and young adults for her student class, rather than the "Quit and Stay Quit" program, which is designed for adults.

Dandino said the negative social stereotypes associated with smokers may be motivation in itself to quit.

"Young people aren't concerned about the health risks, because they aren't scared enough yet. Many young people want to quit because so many nonsmokers choose not to befriend, date or marry smokers," Dandino said.

Sports



Swim Team Splits Dual Meet

Eagles Women Lap Washington & Lee Generals As Men Fall Short

By NICK NELSON
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington men's and women's swim teams held a dual meet against Washington & Lee University last Saturday, competing fiercely, but ultimately settling for a split.

The women continued their winning ways and improved to an undefeated 5-0 record as the men fell just short at the hands of the Generals, dropping to 4-1 on the season.

UMW and Washington & Lee were evenly matched, with the Eagles coming off three straight dual-meet sweep victories, while the Washington & Lee squad accomplished two sweeps and a split coming into Saturday's contest.

The Eagle women stayed strong throughout the meet, coming in at least the top three in all but one event, the 200-yard breaststroke.

Their 118-82 victory was anchored by individual wins from sophomores Amy Carlson, Lorena de laGarza and Kristen LaCoe, juniors Maureen Greenlee and Patricia Dilger, and freshman Lindsay McClelland, as well as 400 medley and freestyle wins.

The men turned out strong finishes, including individual victories from senior Will Bruner and junior Dale Parker in the 200-yard butterfly and 200-yard breaststroke, as well as a record-setting performance in the 400-yard medley relay at 3:36.82 which cut three seconds off the men's season time.

However, the General men were not to be defeated, achieving a 136-69 victory overall.

Despite the loss, both teams remain optimistic.



Alexandra Borys/Bullet

Sophomore Austin Cobb takes a breather during the swimming meet last Saturday against Washington & Lee. The Eagle women defeated the Generals, 118-82, and remain undefeated for the season at 5-0. The men's team did not fare as well, dropping the meet to Washington & Lee 136-69 for their first loss of the year.

"The guys were really challenged because [Washington & Lee's] guys' team is a lot better than our guys' team," said Greenlee. "But they got up and raced them for some surprising wins

and some really close ones too. I didn't see the girls' meet as challenging; I think we're a much better team than them."

The men's swim team will look to get back on

track when both the men's and women's teams travel to the University of Maryland-College Park on Saturday to compete in the University of Maryland Terrapin Invitational.



Andrew Deen/Bullet file photo

Sophomore Chris Badalato and freshman Stephanie Grimes warm up during a cross country practice.

Eagles Claim Third In NCAA Regional

By AMANDA BURNHAM
Assistant Sports Editor

In her first year running for the University of Mary Washington, women's cross country runner junior Alison Hazlett not only finished eighth overall in the NCAA Regional tournament but will also be competing in the upcoming NCAA Division III National Championships this Saturday.

Hazlett competed along with both the men's and women's cross country teams this past weekend in the NCAA Regionals after both taking second place in the CAC Championships under Salisbury University.

At the Regionals, the men's team took ninth place with one all-regional runner and the women's team took third place with four all-region runners.

Head Coach Stan Soper was up in the air about the results.

"It ended up being a sort of mixed bag," said Soper. "The women finished with a strong showing in third place and I was happy with the outcome."

"I feel as though the men's team could have been a little stronger, but we are young and have injuries."

On the women's side, Hazlett finished with a time of 22:45, a time that earned all-region honors. Teammate junior Julia Rothlisberger came in at 27th place with a time of 23:50 and senior Joanna Long came in at 29th place at 23:51. Sophomore Christy Falcone was not far behind in 33rd with a time of 24:02.

The men were lead by junior Justin Kirk who finished 33rd overall in 26:36, gaining all-region honors. Sophomore Matt Downs came in at 38th with a time of 26:46 and sophomore Luke Wolverton was 41st at 26:52.

Soper was particularly pleased with Hazlett's outstanding season.

"This is her first season running," Soper said. "After two years of playing tennis she was in shape but she has shown us the peak of her ability and her talent and we are all proud of her."

Despite coming down with a case of mononucleosis in mid-October, Hazlett had to compete in two meets while being sick, but was able to bounce back to have a strong race in the CAC Championships, then again in Regionals. She is looking forward to the nationals.

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Upcoming Events

Nov. 22 - Women's Basketball vs. Washington & Lee, 6 p.m.

Dec. 6 - Men's Basketball vs. Frostburg, 7 p.m.

Nov. 30 - Men's Basketball vs. Catholic, 8 p.m.



Athletes of the Week

Junior Jaclyn Gebbia and sophomore Margaret Vaccaro were named to the All-Capital Athletic Conference Women's Soccer First Team

Football Team Far From UMW

Students Settle For High School, Television Games In Place Of Home Team

By LAUREN BOSTON
Sports Editor

A stadium full of screaming fans with jerseys, noise makers, and signs huddle together for the big homecoming game, their faces streaked with school colors. A giant foam finger in one-hand and a beer in the other, the sea of college fans unite in a cheer as the star quarterback launches a hail Mary into the endzone with seconds on the clock.

The receiver makes a one handed grab, miraculously pulling the football into his chest as the crowd erupts and the stadium rumbles. Two guys who have never met before give each other a bear hug, a completely acceptable gesture at a college football game. The pom-poms go into full effect down on the field as the bass drum in the marching band sounds the beginning of the familiar fight song.

At other colleges, that is.

The University of Mary Washington may have a soccer team for the Eagles to depend on for homecoming, but for some students the excitement that comes with an impressive corner kick isn't quite the same as a backbreaking tackle inches before the opponent earns a first down, begging the question: why doesn't UMW have a football team?

Athletic director Ed Hegmann cited inadequate funds as one of the many reasons.

"Football is probably the most expensive sport to start," he said. "When you have limited resources you have to decide which teams you want and which teams you don't. Football never made the list."

According to Hegmann, the question of

beginning a football team was brought up before the Board of Visitors seven or eight years ago, but never got very far. Hegmann doesn't see the need for a football team based on UMW's locale.

"We're not in an area in the middle of nowhere where there's nothing else to do but support your local college or university's team," Hegmann said. "We're in an area where we would have to compete with highly successful Division I programs.

We're in an area

with at least seven or eight different high schools that have very good football programs. We didn't want a competition to try and get a fan base."

However, students like junior Adrian Loving would welcome a team of the Eagles' own.

"It's great for school spirit to actually have a



homecoming game to go with a dance," he said. "It might generate sponsorship and donations, which could increase the school's money."

Money aside, others such as junior Corey Henderson have argued that there simply aren't enough males at the school to generate a decent team.

"I think there are enough guys here to form a team but we don't have guys in shape to play this sport," said

Henderson.

"They would be torn between rugby and football

and even so, our team would be rather small which is not good in the game of football."

Loving disagrees.

"I would try out if we had a team," Loving said. "If the school tried, I'm sure it could recruit many who would be willing to play. It might

draw more of a male population to the campus since it is a male oriented sport."

Hegmann stated that the female dominated campus is not a result of UMW's inability to generate a football program.

"Most people don't pick a college because of the football team," Hegmann said.

Henderson believes the lack of football has a bigger influence on the female to male ratio than Hegmann suggests.

"I think it's important from a guy's perspective because if you think about it, we have no football team or Greek life," Henderson said. "That, to me, is the main reason for the male to female ratio that we have now."

UMW isn't the only college in the Capital Athletic Conference without a football team. While Salisbury University, Gallaudet University, and Catholic University all boast football programs, Goucher College, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Marymount University, and York College of Pennsylvania do not have teams.

The school does have a rugby team to satisfy football players looking to compete in a contact sport of any kind, but this still doesn't account for all the potential UMW students looking to play football at the college level.

So until the University can come up with enough money, space, and interest for a football team, UMW students will have head over to James Monroe high school to catch a game, or watch University of Virginia or Virginia Tech from the comfort of their own rooms.

Somehow waving a giant foam finger alone in your room doesn't quite seem the same for some students.

Runner Hazlett Earns Regional Honors

Women's Cross Country Team Ends Season On High Note

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forward to the Nationals and has been pleasantly surprised with her running season.

"I decided to quit tennis because I didn't know I would make the team," said Hazlett. "I tried out for cross country just because I used to run in road races at home. I didn't even know if I would make it."

After coming down with mono, Hazlett thought her season would dwindle out, but fought hard to get back to the team and was surprised that she had been able to recover in time for the big races the Eagles had scheduled for the end of the season.

The Regional race this past weekend went exceptionally well for Hazlett.

"The race was out in Arkansas, so it was pretty flat and it went really quickly," Hazlett said. "I was able to find a runner from Christopher Newport University to pace myself, and I just stayed up with her the whole time."

On the men's team, Kirk was the only runner for the Eagles to take all-region honors.

"We didn't finish as strong as we had hoped," said Kirk. "We came in second to Salisbury in CAC competition, and I think we let that get to us a little bit."

With such a young men's team, and only one senior in the top seven runners on the team, the

men are just looking forward to next year and hope to rebuild over the summer.

"Jason Call is our only senior runner in the top seven runners on our team, and with us being so young as well as having several injuries, we'll look to come out strong next season," Kirk said.

Soper agrees.

"We had a young squad this year, and had a lot of injuries and illnesses," Soper said. "I think we definitely had ups and downs, but we'll look to come back strong next season. For now we are all excited about Alison [Hazlett]'s meet at Nationals."

The NCAA Division III Nationals will be held in Denison, Ohio this Saturday.



Courtesy Clint Ooten/Sports Information

Junior Alison Hazlett placed eighth overall in the NCAA Regional cross country tournament last Saturday.



Courtesy Andrew Gendreau

Seniors Andrew Gendreau and Frank Messina pose in front of Hole No. 3 on the Diablo course during the National Collegiate Golf Championship; the pair competed in last weekend in Las Vegas, Nev. Gendreau and Messina tied for 16th out of 32 teams, beating the likes of University of Miami and USC.

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Senior Ben Graboyes calls the emergency room at Mary Washington Hospital from an ambulance as other students prepare a patient for transport. The Fredericksburg Rescue Squad is manned by professional paramedics during the day and volunteers during weeknights and on the weekends. On some evenings the entire station is manned by UMW students.

student by day
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BY NIGHT



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Sam Kaye, a 2005 UMW graduate, drives a Fredericksburg Rescue Squad ambulance on the way to a call off of Cowan Boulevard. Students can drive ambulances after receiving training in driving an emergency vehicle in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

While most students stay up to study or socialize, a handful of University of Mary Washington students stay up to save lives.

Just like many other emergency medical organizations in the commonwealth, the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad relies on volunteers to cover at least part of the responsibility to their communities.

A large portion of the current volunteer force at the Fredericksburg squad comes from UMW – athletes, pre-med majors, and even police-officers offer their valuable time to our community.

Here is a night with the student life-savers of UMW.



Left: Recent graduate Erin Obrien follows Sam Kaye and Rebecca Christ into the Emergency Room at Mary Washington Hospital in Fredericksburg. All three volunteers are Mary Washington Students - Obrien was a psychology major who graduated in May, while Christ and Kaye are geography majors.



Kaye and Christ practice checking blood pressures in the ambulance as they wait for Obrien to finish with paperwork within the emergency room at Mary Washington Hospital. Kaye holds his EVOC training, enabling him to drive an emergency vehicle, while Christ rides along for experience and hands-on training. Downtime within the rescue squad is spent training or socializing with other members.

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Senior Rebecca Christ rides in the back of the ambulance on the way to a call. All ambulances are staffed by at least two volunteers; some crews consist of up to four people. Two full crews are provided by the volunteers every weeknight and weekend - very often both crews are staffed by university students.

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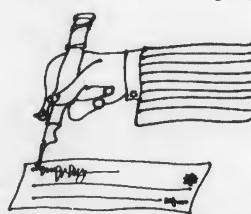
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News

Laptop Thefts Plague Campus

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that it is ultimately up to the students who live in the residence halls.

"We have desk aides in freshman dorms, electric locks and key-card access," Porter said. "But they don't work if students don't meet us halfway."

Melissa Leggett's laptop, valued at \$1,700, was stolen from her room in Marshall Hall on Oct. 26.

"Fortunately it happened a couple days after a slew of papers and tests were assigned," she said. "However I lost computer work done for music theory and a few analyses prepared for future projects."

Leggett said her parents were able to purchase her a new laptop soon after her first one was stolen, but the data she lost is gone.

"I lost all of my music and my pictures, which is one of the things I'm most upset about," she said. "Because some of [them] are things I can't get back."

Despite the thefts, Leggett is not upset about the fact that someone let the thief into the building.

"Prior to the incident I was guilty of doing the same thing," she said. "Because we were the first of the incidents, there wasn't any type of warning before hand."

Porter said students are not supposed to let people into halls unless they are a resident of that building or unless a resident of the building is escorting them.

"I know as a community that people want to be nice and friendly," Porter said. "But you can't let people into the building who aren't supposed to be there."

Porter said upper-class residence halls, such as the ones targeted for the thefts, have honor sign-in. A sign-in book is left on a desk in the residence hall lobby and guests of that building are expected to sign it when they enter and exit the building.

However, Porter pointed out that honor sign-in doesn't adhere to everyone.

"People think that, because of the Honor Code, they can be more trusting and leave their doors unlocked," she said. "But we don't have an electric fence to keep people out who haven't signed honor pledges."

Porter said residence life is not taking any unusual measures in response to the thefts.

"This is not the first time we've had thefts related to unlocked doors," she said. "We're doing the same thing we always do."

Residence life encourages students to lock their doors and to not let unknown persons into the residence halls.

James Snipes, chief of police said thefts usually happen all at once, not spread out over a week.

"I hope this has underscored the importance to the residential students of being aware of their personal safety in the residence halls," he said.

According to police, the description came from a 20-year-old female resident of Marshall Hall who reported to police that a male matching the description asked her to be let into Marshall Hall Oct. 26. According to police, the female complied with the suspect's request.

On Monday, the suspect approached another female at Marshall Hall. She refused to let him in, then called the police.

Witnesses have also seen a male matching the suspect's description in or around their residence halls at the time of the thefts.

Police sent out a high-priority campus-crime alert informing faculty, staff and students of the theft and asking them not to let in any unknown

person who is not a resident or who is not presently being escorted by a resident at the time.

Freshman Rachel Nash said she spoke to a man in Russell Hall matching the suspect's description.

"He was dressed in all black and wore a police-looking badge around his neck," she said. "I figured he was here on some important business."

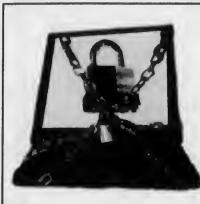
Nash said the man was carrying a duffel bag and claimed to be a "bond officer."

"At the time, I didn't think anything of this guy," she said. "It wasn't until hours later when I checked my e-mail that I realized who this man was. He fit the description perfectly, so I called the campus police."

The thefts began Oct. 20, when two 19-year-old male roommates of Willard Hall reported to police that someone stole their laptops, a \$2,050 Dell Dimension, and a \$1,550 Dell Inspiron.

On Oct. 26, two more laptops were stolen from 19-year-old female roommates of Marshall Hall, an Apple laptop valued at \$1,700 and a Dell laptop valued at \$1,500. The next two days, Oct. 27 and Oct. 28, brought four more thefts. Two 19-year-old female roommates of Mercer Hall reported someone stole a Compaq laptop, valued at \$1,000, and a Dell laptop, valued at \$1,500.

Also, two roommates of Willard Hall, a 21-year-old male and a 23-year-old male, reported to police that someone stole a Dell laptop valued at \$1,500 and a Dell laptop valued at \$1,100.



Report Says Sex Crimes Up This Year Jump In Statistics For 2005 Sex Crime

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As reported by *The Bullet* in September, police received four reports of sexual assault in September. Only one case had been reported in the entire school year last year.

Over the past three years there have been six forcible sexual offenses and one non-forcible sexual offense reported.

"The fact that there have already been four sex offenses reported in just one month this year is outrageous," said junior Farhat Jilalabhooy.

According to *The Bullet*, the University officials of Mary Washington think the reason for the increase in reported sexual offenses this year is due to the fact that the students of Mary Washington have increased awareness of this issue.

James Snipes, the chief of police told *The Bullet* that the higher reporting is a result of the programming that UMW has in place raising the awareness of sexual assault resources. Snipes also said different offices on campus have been coordinating more often this year toward the prevention of sexual offenses.

"I am pleased that students appear to be more comfortable coming forward either to report offenses, or to seek crisis intervention help through the Psychological Services Center," said Barbara Wagar, director of the psychological services center and licensed clinical psychologist.

According to Wagar, many different offices on campus have been working for some time using many different approaches, in order to raise awareness.

Wager also stated that every year, the Psychological Services staff trains the resident assistant's on how to respond to sexual assaults. In addition, the PSC staff educates all orientation leaders on the aspects of crisis intervention and the resources that are offered to the

students. As a part of the freshman orientation, Judicial Affairs, the campus police, and Psychological Services present an evening program dealing with sexual assault, alcohol use and the services available to the students.

Ray Tuttle, director of judicial affairs and community responsibility said the University "did a lot more this year during orientation to educate students about sexual assault."

Students agree.

"Not only are the students of UMW more aware this year but nation-wide people seem to be moving towards being more open to reporting such sexual offenses," said junior Mary Elizabeth White, the student leader of a sexual assault awareness group on campus. White believes that because sexual assault is receiving a lot more attention, there are many more support groups coming out of the woodwork.

"The more attention it gets the more comfortable people seem to feel about reporting assaults... they don't feel as much like they're the only ones who go through this sort of thing," White said.

Sexual assault seems to be a rising issue on college campuses. Other Virginia state schools such as Longwood University and Lynchburg College have seen an increase in the amount of sexual assaults on their campuses over past years. Lynchburg College's

annual security report stated that in the year of 2000, there was only one reported forcible sexual offense. But in the years of 2001 and 2002 there were six reported forcible sexual offenses.

Furthermore, Longwood University's annual security report stated there have been 15 forcible sexual offenses since 2002.

According to the UMW police, none of the suspects for the four sexual assaults that have been reported this year have been caught.

"I hope if any one has any clues to who the culprits are, they will come forward," White said.

Every year, the UMW police department is required to generate the annual security report which goes out to all its' students, faculty and administrators. This report concerns all the reported crimes that have occurred over the past three years: 2002, 2003 and 2004. Murder and non-negligent manslaughter, negligent manslaughter, forcible sex offenses, non-forcible sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson are all of the categories that are listed on this annual security report.

The reported crimes that are put onto this security report have either occurred on campus in non-dormitories or other residential facilities, in dormitories and other residential facilities, in or on a non-campus building or property, or on public property.

Forceable Sex Offenses

Year:	2002	2003	2004	2005
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Some UMW Club Budgets Cut, Some Are Increased

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Senior Christian Connors, co-president of the Model United Nations club was disappointed when her club was awarded \$1,346.45 less than last year.

"I have been in Model UN throughout college and we have never had as many problems with conferences as we did this year," Connors said.

According to Connors, the club normally attends two conferences a year, each costing approximately \$6,000-\$7,000. Because of budget cuts the group had to attend a small conference in Charleston, S.C., rather than the larger, more expensive conferences they normally attend in Chicago and New Orleans.

The group is still struggling, wondering how they are going to

finance the rest of their activities for the year.

"We have major decisions to make for the second conference due to the fact that we used most of our budget on the first conference," Connors said.

Some of the clubs which received the largest cuts this year are PRISM, Voices Of Praise, the Association of Residence Halls, the Jewish Student Association and the Black Student Association.

Junior Humeira Akbar, president of the Islamic Student Association, is worried because the year is not even half over and her club has spent three quarters of its funding.

"The lack of money is a major issue for ISA. All our events are contingent upon the budget given and this prevents us from being able to do all of our events," she said.

In contrast to the struggling clubs, not all student organizations on campus received budget cuts this year. The budget allotted to Circle K more than doubled from last year, and the Biology club received significantly more funds than in 2004-2005 as well.

Other groups that received more money than last year include Cheap Seats, the Student Government Association and *The Bullet*.

Biology Club president junior Sarah Maynard was excited to find out that her club received a higher budget than they had the previous year.

This has allowed the organization to charge members less to participate in activities and to hold more events such as the Biology Club picnic and field trips.

"I feel like our club has adequate amounts of money for the things

we have planned, and the finance committee has been pretty good this year with giving out supplemental money for new ideas," Maynard said.

Cheap Seats Co-Chair senior Paloma Bolasny reported that her club received \$4,154.82 more than last year.

This budget increase will help fund the increased number of films Cheap Seats will be showing this year in comparison to previous years.

There is still hope for the clubs that are not satisfied with the funds they have received.

According to Stewart, the finance committee has distributed the majority of its' funds already, but still has approximately \$70,000 left to give out if new clubs propose budgets or if clubs propose new requests throughout the year.

Senior Andrea Buono, vice president of the Anarchist Social Theory Club, thinks the finance committee is good about awarding additional funds to clubs throughout the year upon request.

Through additional requests, the club has already nearly doubled the amount of money it was initially given by the finance committee.

"I have learned not to worry about the initial funding that is received at the beginning of the school year, because I know that events and ideas, if thought out, will receive the justified funding needed," Buono said.

Junior Anh Nguyen, president of Circle K, thinks that the finance committee is generally helpful and generous when it comes to monetary allocation and the request for additional funds.

"Despite the fact that we didn't get the full amount we asked for, I still think the finance committee did good job distributing between all the clubs on campus fairly," she said.

According to Stewart, the amount of money allotted to the finance committee from the state of Virginia has been slightly increasing throughout the years, but doesn't match the growth rate of the clubs' needs.

News



Nonsense Nonsense

From left to right: Jenna Doolittle, Latera Jenkins, Jillian Locklear, Talya Halpern and Tori Miller hold the cards the actors passed out to audience members during the musical "Nonsense."



Headline:

Dovie Thomason, a native Lakota and Kiowa Apache Indian, spoke to students on Nov. 9 in the ballroom. Thomason visited campus as part of the Multicultural Center's 2005-06 Cultural Awareness Series. For full story, see page A8.

Grant Buys Electron Microscope

UMW's Jepson Boasts New SEM

By COLEEN CREEGAN
Staff Writer

A winning grant proposal by science faculty members is giving University of Mary Washington students access to one of the most prestigious tools in scientific research—the electron microscope.

The National Science Foundation grant worth about \$248,000 coupled with an anonymous alumni donation is affording UMW students the opportunity to conduct research and examine specimens in different ways than are possible with the traditional light microscope.

The university now owns a scanning electron microscope and a transmission electron microscope.

According to Deborah O'Dell, associate professor of biology, electron microscopes are generally seen at larger, research-oriented universities.

"Most liberal arts colleges won't have electron microscopes, so that fact that we have two is really special," said O'Dell, one of the writers of the proposal. She was one of several other science faculty members.

The scanning electron microscope (SEM) is used to bounce electrons off surfaces, providing greatly magnified images, while the transmission electron microscope (TEM) looks at the densities of different structures.

"The microscopes will allow us to see things we couldn't before," O'Dell said. "We can actually look at DNA and things inside a cell. The SEM can actually be used to analyze the elements in a specimen."

Due to the complexity and newness of the microscopes, students will have to undergo extensive training courses before examining any specimens with the new equipment.

Senior biology major Elena Quintiliani flew down from her home in Massachusetts this summer to attend a training program at UMW, where she gained hands-on experience in using the new microscopes.

Quintiliani will be working on an independent research project next semester comparing the neural structures of Asian honeybees to those of European honeybees, and will use the electron microscopes for her study, to be submitted to the Virginia Academy of Science.

"I was really glad I came down for the program, because now I feel prepared for my research project," Quintiliani said. "It was a pretty intense few days, but I learned a lot."

Besides student research, faculty members will be able to use the microscopes for their professional research, said Kathryn Loesser-Casey, associate professor of biology, and a grant proposal writer.

"Several classes are being planned to expose students to the microscopes," she said. "I know my endocrinology class will have a lab session with them."

Summer classes are planned as well, to further acclimate students and faculty to the new technology while they conduct research projects.

O'Dell said that an electron microscopy class is in the works for the future, so students can really gain in-depth training of these tools. Electron microscopes are standard for doctoral research, but fairly unusual for undergraduate science students at small liberal arts universities.

The University of Virginia has transmission electron microscopes and scanning electron microscopes at their School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and William & Mary has these electron microscopes as well.

"The new microscopes sound incredible," said sophomore biology major Danielle Neal. "I can't wait for the opportunity to work with them."

She said she is glad to see that a school of Mary Washington's size is able to have such state-of-the-art equipment.

In addition to biology majors, students from other science disciplines will benefit from the new microscopes as well, especially the geology and physics departments.

O'Dell said she even knows of a historic preservation student who is interested in using an electron microscope to study detailing on old coins.

Other faculty members who worked on the grant proposal include Jodie Hayob, associate professor of environmental science and geology; Susan Matts, assistant professor of physics; Neil Tibert, assistant professor of environmental science and geology; Leanna Giancarlo, assistant professor of chemistry; and Stephen Gallik, professor of biology.

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